

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT E. NILES,

Defendant.

8:13-CR-252

**PRELIMINARY ORDER OF
FORFEITURE**

This matter is before the Court on the plaintiff's Motion for Issuance of Preliminary Order of Forfeiture (filing 72). The defendant has pleaded guilty to count I of the superseding indictment, which charged the defendant with a violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C) and 846. Filing 16. The operative indictment also contained a forfeiture allegation seeking the forfeiture, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853, of \$3,620.00 in United States currency, seized from the defendant's residence on or about December 10, 2012, on the basis that it was used to facilitate the commission of the crime charged in count I or was derived from proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of that offense. Filing 16 at 2.

The defendant has pleaded guilty to the crime alleged and admitted the forfeiture allegation. Filings 63 and 71. By virtue of pleading guilty to the charge and admitting the forfeiture allegation, the defendant has forfeited his interest in the property described above, and the plaintiff is entitled to possession of the property pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853. Accordingly,

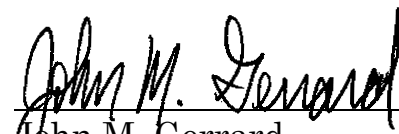
IT IS ORDERED:

1. The plaintiff's Motion for Issuance of Preliminary Order of Forfeiture (filing 72) is granted.
2. Based upon the defendant's guilty plea and admission of the forfeiture allegation of the indictment, the plaintiff is authorized to seize the \$3,620.00 in United States currency described above.
3. The defendant's interest in the property is forfeited to the plaintiff for disposition in accordance with law, subject to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1).

4. The property is to be held by the plaintiff in its secure custody and control.
5. Pursuant to [21 U.S.C. § 853\(n\)\(1\)](#), the plaintiff shall publish for at least 30 consecutive days on an official Internet government forfeiture site (www.forfeiture.gov) notice of this order, notice of publication evidencing the plaintiff's intent to dispose of the property in such manner as the Attorney General may direct, and notice that any person, other than the defendant, having or claiming a legal interest in the property must file a petition with the Court within 30 days of the final publication of notice or of receipt of actual notice, whichever is earlier.
6. Such published notice shall state that the petition referred to in paragraph 5, above, shall be for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the petitioner's alleged interest in the property, shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury, and shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title, or interest in the property and any additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim and relief sought.
7. The plaintiff may also, to the extent practicable, provide direct written notice to any person known to have alleged an interest in the property as a substitute for published notice as to those persons so notified.
8. Upon adjudication of all third-party interests, this Court will enter a final order of forfeiture pursuant to [21 U.S.C. § 853\(n\)](#), in which all interests will be addressed.

Dated this 10th day of April, 2014.

BY THE COURT:



John M. Gerrard
United States District Judge